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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §132(b) and 37 CFR 1.114, in support of a Request for Continued Examination, Applicant hereby files this amendment in response to the Examiner's telephone conversations with attorney Mr. John G. Mills, Supervisory Patent Counsel, Naval Air Systems Command and the Final Office Action mailed February 17, 2005. The applicant has cancelled all claims and is now submitting newly drafted claims containing the allowable subject matter from previous Office actions.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2  
Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.